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<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please add the following new claims:

- 84. (New) A method for preparing a customized food product comprising:
 popping a popcorn snack in a microwave oven in the presence of sucralose, the popcorn
 snack enclosed in a single serving microwave pouch.
- 85. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of an oil/fat component.
- 86. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of salt.
- 87. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of acesulfame K.
- 88. (New) A method for preparing a customized food product comprising: popping a popcorn snack in a microwave oven in the presence of acesulfame K, the popcorn snack enclosed in a single serving microwave pouch.
- 89. (New) The method of claim 88 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of an oil/fat component.
- 90. (New) The method of claim 89 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of salt.

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91. (New) A method of preparing a sweet and salty popcorn food comprising: popping popcorn by microwave treating an unpopped popcorn composition including

unpopped popcorn in the presence of an oil/fat component, an adequate amount of salt to provide a salty taste, and a sweetening effective amount of sucralose.

92. (New) A customized food product comprising:

a popcorn snack combined with sucralose, the popcorn snack packaged in a single serving microwave pouch and prepared in a microwave oven.

93. (New) The product of claim 92 wherein the popcorn snack is also combined with an oil/fat component.

- 94. (New) The product of claim 93 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of salt.
- 95. (New) The product of claim 92 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of acesulfame K.
 - 96. (New) A customized food product comprising:

a popcorn snack combined with acesulfame K, the popcorn snack packaged in a single serving microwave pouch and prepared in a microwave oven.

- 97. (New) The product of claim 96 wherein the popcorn snack is also combined with an oil/fat component.
- 98. (New) The product of claim 97 wherein the popcorn snack is also in the presence of salt.
 - 99. (New) A microwaveable popcorn composition comprising: unpopped popcorn;



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